

- (b) 9. (New) The electric motor of claim 6 in the form of a high-speed, heavy-duty asynchronous motor.

IN THE DRAWING:

Amend Fig. 1 as per copy enclosed and indicated in red.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

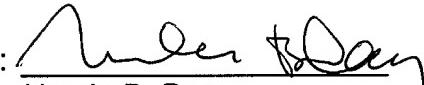
Applicant has amended claims 1 to 4 to provide antecedent basis for all elements set forth. Applicant asserts that no claims have been narrowed within the meaning of the *Festo*-decision. *Festo Corp. v. Shoketsu Kinsoku Kogyo Kabushiki Co.*, 56 USPQ2d 1865 (Fed. Cir. Nov. 29, 2000)(en banc). In addition, applicant submits herewith new claims 5 to 9 to encompass the full scope and breadth of the invention. No new matter has been added.

In addition, applicant has amended the specification to eliminate an ambiguity with respect to the openings in the diecast rings and the slots in the rotor end sheets. No new matter has been added. Fig. 1 has been amended to make it consistent with the changes to the specification.

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, he/she is requested to take the foregoing into account.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0502.

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